

24. (New) An isolated protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) amino acids +2 to +178 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (b) amino acids +1 to +178 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the full length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209664; and
- (d) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 209664, except wherein the N-terminal methionine is deleted.

25. (New) The isolated protein of claim 24 which comprises amino acid sequence (a).

26. (New) The isolated protein of claim 24 which comprises amino acid sequence (b).

27. (New) The isolated protein of claim 24 which comprises amino acid sequence (c).

28. (New) The isolated protein of claim 24 which comprises amino acid sequence (d).

29. (New) The isolated protein of claim 24 wherein the amino acid sequence further comprises a heterologous polypeptide.

30. (New) The isolated protein of claim 29 wherein the heterologous polypeptide is the Fc domain of immunoglobulin.

31. (New) A composition comprising the isolated protein of claim 24.

32. (New) A protein produced by a method comprising:

- (a) culturing a host cell under conditions suitable to produce the isolated protein of claim 24; and
- (b) recovering the protein from the host cell culture.